SOUTH PACIFIC TUNA TREATY RENEGOTIATION; HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee Asia, The Pacific and the Global Environment, hearing on Renegotiating the South Pacific Tuna Treaty: Shutting Down Closing Loopholes and Protecting U.S. Interests. Testimony was heard from William Gibbons-Fly, Director, Office of Marine Conservation, Bureau of Oceans and International Environment and Scientific Affairs, Department of State; and Russell Smith III, Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Fisheries, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Crimes Against Humanity: When Will Indonesia's Military Be Held Accountable for Deliberate and Systematic Abuses in West Papua? Testimony was heard from Joseph Y. Yun, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Robert Scher, Deputy Assistant Secretary, South and Southeast Asia Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

OIL SPILL PLANNING AND RESPONSE

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "DHS Planning and Response: Preliminary Lessons from Deepwater Horizon." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Richard M. Chavez, Acting Director, Operations Coordination and Planning; and Richard L. Skinner, Inspector General; William O. Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; RADM Peter Neffenger, USCG, Deputy National Incident Commander, Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Response; Craig Paul Taffaro, Jr., President, St. Bernard Parish, State of Louisiana; and a public witness.

HOLOCAUST INSURANCE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2010

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 4596, Holocaust Insurance Accountability Act of 2010. Testimony was heard from Representative Schiff, Ros-Lehtinen, and Garamendi; Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat, Special Advisor to the Secretary for Holocaust Issues, Office of Holocaust Issues, Department of State; Anna Rubin, Director, Holocaust Claims Processing Office, Banking Department, New York State; and public witnesses.

MINORITY CONTRACTING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement held a hearing entitled "Minority Contracting: Opportunities and Challenges for Current and Future Minority-Owned Businesses," including a discussion of H.R. 4343, Minority Business Development Improvements Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representative Rush; David Hinson, Director, Minority Business Development Agency, Department of Commerce; Marie C. Johns, Deputy Administrator, SBA; Jiyoung Park, Associate Administrator, Small Business Utilization, GSA; Linda Oliver, Acting Director, Office of Small Business Programs, Department of Defense; Brandon Neal, Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses..

U.S. MANUFACTURING POLICY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing entitled "Made in the USA: Manufacturing Policy, the Defense Industrial Base, and U.S. National Security." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE SMALL BUSINESS JOBS AND CREDIT ACT

The Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 5297, the "Small Business Jobs and Credit Act of 2010." The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Financial Services that the House concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 5297. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Small Business, and the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule authorizes the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules at any time through the legislative day of October 1, 2010. The rule also provides that the Speaker or her designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration under suspension of the rules pursuant to the resolution. The rule waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against any resolution reported from the Rules Committee through the legislative day of October 1, 2010. Testimony was heard from Chairman Frank of Massachusetts and Representative Neugebauer.